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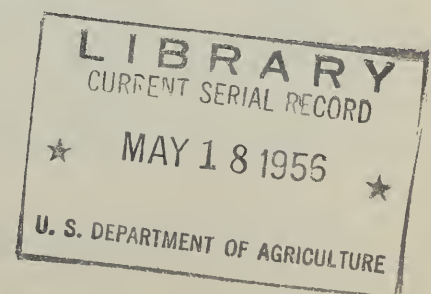
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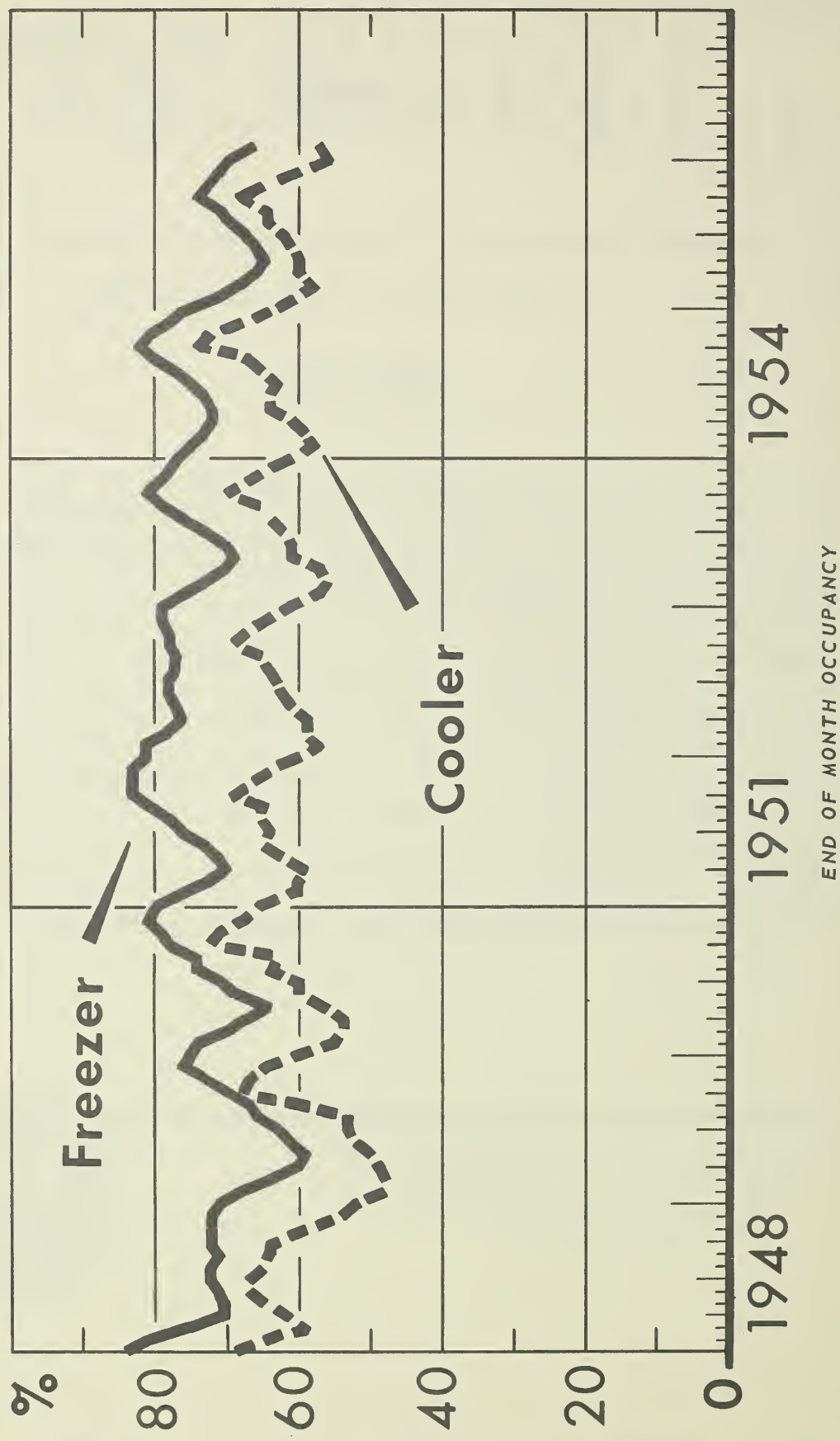
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PERCENTAGE OCCUPANCY OF PUBLIC COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES



COLD STORAGE REPORT

Analysis of holdings and space February 29, 1956

[Data for this report are collected from public, private, and semiprivate warehouses, apple houses, and meat-packing plants where food products are generally stored for 30 days or more. Commodities in space owned or leased and operated by the armed services are not reported. All February 29 figures are preliminary.]

Commodity summary

Refrigerated stocks of creamery butter were worked down to 98 million pounds by the end of February, according to warehouse reports received by the Agricultural Marketing Service. This time last year almost 315 million pounds of butter were in storage. The February seasonal net disappearance brought American cheese stocks down to 437 million pounds by the end of the month which compares with 470 million this time last year. The 1951-55 average for the end of February is only 267 million pounds. Warehouse holdings of shell eggs at 308,000 cases were up 19 percent from a year earlier and down 12 percent from the 5-year average for February. A contra-seasonal change reduced frozen egg stocks to 42 million pounds compared with 63 million last February. Current stocks of frozen eggs were about 12 percent under average for this time of year. The net build-up in holdings of frozen orange concentrate during February was twice the average. A gain of 8 million gallons raised warehouse stocks to almost 30 million while stocks a year ago this date totaled 25 million gallons. Seasonal net reductions in frozen fruit holdings during February brought warehouse holdings down to 342 million pounds which compares with 277 million pounds, the February average. This time last year 309 million pounds were in storage. Warehouse holdings of frozen vegetables at 494 million pounds were 2 percent under those of February a year ago but 10 percent greater than average for this time of year. Poultry stocks totaled 187 million pounds by the end of February which compares with 211 million the year before and 237 million pounds, the 5-year average for this date. Holdings of red meats were increased by 25 million pounds during February, the average is 14 million, to total 882 million pounds by the end of the month. These stocks were 7 percent below average but 5 percent greater than the holdings of a year earlier.

Storage occupancy

The February decline in cooler occupancy was less than expected on the basis of previous performance. The decline of 1 point compared with the average of 4 points brought cooler occupancy to 57 percent compared with 60 percent a year earlier. The 1951-55 average for this date is 58 percent. A greater than average decline brought freezer occupancy to 66 percent. This compares with 71 percent reported a year earlier and the 5-year average for February of 76 percent.

General commodity movement

The February net build-up in stocks of nuts, nutmeats, shell eggs, and selected meat products was insufficient to off-set seasonal declines in stocks of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy and miscellaneous products held in cooler space. By the end of the month, cooler-stored products totaled almost 2 billion pounds, down 17 percent from the month before. Freezer-stored products were down 4 percent from the previous month as net reductions in stocks of dairy products, eggs, fruits, vegetables and meats (except pork) were more than enough to counter the seasonal storage gains reported for pork and frozen fruit juices. February 29 stocks in freezers totaled 2.5 billion pounds compared with 2.6 billion a year earlier.

Juices, fruits, and vegetables

The February net gain of 8 million gallons of frozen orange juice was twice the average, and warehouse stocks by the end of the month totaled about 30 million

gallons. These stocks were 18 percent larger than those of a year earlier and about 60 percent larger than the average for this date. Above average reductions in frozen fruit stocks brought warehouse holdings down to 342 million pounds by the end of February. This decline of 47 million pounds compares with the average of 34 million and 39 million reported this time last year. Total frozen fruit stocks were 10 percent greater than those of a year earlier and 23 percent above average. Holdings of fresh apples were down to almost 14 million bushels which compares with 13 million, the average for this time of year. Stocks of pears totaled 709,000 boxes, or an equivalent of 664,000 bushels. Frozen vegetable holdings were reduced by more than average amounts during February. A net reduction of 64 million pounds, the average is 55, brought total vegetable stocks down to 494 million pounds. Current stocks were 2 percent under those of a year earlier but 10 percent above average for the date.

Eggs, dairy, and poultry

The February net increase in shell egg stocks was lighter than usual. Total stocks were increased by 9,000 cases which compares with 23,000 last year and the average increase of 200,000 cases. Warehouse holdings amounted to 308,000 cases-- up 19 percent from a year earlier but down 12 percent from average. According to the 5-year average change, frozen egg stocks should increase during February. This year, however, holdings were reduced by 8 million pounds to total 42 million by the end of the month. These stocks compare with 63 million reported this time last year and 48 million pounds, the average for the date. Poultry stocks were the lowest for this date since 1949. Approximately 187 million pounds were in storage or 12 percent less than in 1955 and 21 percent less than average. Turkeys on hand February 29 totaled 82 million pounds or 25 percent under average for this time of year. A sharp drop in butter holdings during February reduced warehouse stocks to 98 million pounds compared with 315 million a year earlier. During the month, stocks were reduced by 34 million pounds which compares with 6 million, the average reduction for February and a 27 million net reduction reported last year. American cheese stocks were down 32 million pounds from the month before to total 437 million pounds. This compares with 470 million a year earlier and 267 million pounds average for this date.

Meat and meat products

With the exception of pork and canned meats, holdings of all meat items were reduced during February. Stocks of beef, down to 196 million pounds by February 29, were 41 million pounds above the holdings of a year ago but 8 million pounds under average for this date. Pork holdings were up 32 million pounds from the month before to total 513 million pounds by the end of February. This seasonal gain was 28 percent greater than average but not much larger than the February gain of the year before. Total pork stocks were still under average by 14 percent and below last year's holdings by 4 percent. Holdings of other meats, including canned meats, were up 9 million pounds to 173 million. A year earlier stocks amounted to 153 million pounds while the average for this date is 152 million pounds.

Storage outlook

Cooler occupancy on March 31 may be expected to be at the same level reported on February 29 or slightly lower. Last year, occupancy declined 2 points during March, while the 5-year average indicates a leveling off during the month. A continued decline in freezer occupancy is likely. By March 31, the level of use may be 2 to 3 points under the February 29 occupancy of 66 percent.

TABLE 1. -- End-of-month space and occupancy in public general refrigerated warehouses

State or geographic region	New piling space reported (1)		Percentage of net piling space occupied							
			February 1951-55 av.		February 1955		January 1956		February 1956	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Maine, N. H. and Vt.	434	1,365	39	64	46	65	39	62	29	48
Massachusetts	2,443	5,918	40	83	42	88	59	88	70	82
R. I. and Connecticut . . .	278	801	54	70	41	66	73	57	70	54
New England	3,155	8,084	42	79	42	82	58	80	64	74
New York	21,244	19,213	56	71	60	70	58	70	51	66
New Jersey	3,665	8,959	62	77	64	65	56	70	50	63
Pennsylvania	4,787	8,717	54	83	64	79	63	79	62	78
Middle Atlantic	29,696	36,889	56	75	61	71	59	72	53	68
Ohio	3,390	6,504	56	85	58	85	56	81	59	77
Indiana	708	2,060	64	84	76	83	56	73	77	73
Illinois	14,274	15,180	64	85	64	89	64	83	63	79
Michigan	3,951	4,274	64	81	61	80	52	71	53	65
Wisconsin	5,030	2,011	66	79	59	74	72	69	70	67
East North Central	27,353	30,029	63	84	62	85	63	79	63	75
Minnesota	1,333	4,962	69	87	70	88	67	72	74	70
Iowa	398	2,437	76	86	88	78	48	77	52	73
Missouri	4,184	5,975	67	78	68	79	66	70	68	71
Dakotas and Nebraska . . .	747	4,084	59	88	80	77	59	79	55	76
Kansas	6,898	5,735	55	71	71	48	63	72	74	69
West North Central	13,560	23,193	63	81	71	73	64	73	71	71
Delaware, Maryland & D.C.	1,285	5,425	59	77	58	73	41	59	39	52
Virginia and West Va. . . .	5,366	3,145	49	76	56	71	39	65	37	65
North and South Carolina . .	524	604	62	82	56	87	30	77	28	75
Georgia	3,752	2,354	74	88	72	81	90	90	93	84
Florida	1,221	9,477	62	74	62	69	49	52	52	39
South Atlantic	12,148	21,005	58	77	61	72	56	62	56	53
Kentucky	955	1,171	65	82	71	77	64	67	68	66
Tennessee	2,021	3,481	67	79	75	79	79	84	77	83
Alabama and Mississippi . . .	742	840	70	90	74	92	53	76	54	69
East South Central	3,718	5,492	68	82	74	81	70	79	70	77
Arkansas	210	441	45	56	39	50	36	69	48	53
Louisiana	904	870	75	84	73	84	49	74	54	79
Oklahoma	587	1,298	76	82	40	76	62	66	55	67
Texas	6,265	6,605	60	57	52	51	65	55	67	61
West South Central	7,966	9,214	62	63	53	58	62	59	64	63
Mountain	1,165	4,410	64	78	64	74	39	63	67	74
Washington	2,002	7,116	49	53	39	42	34	42	31	35
Oregon	838	6,250	39	53	45	47	44	52	34	41
California	13,138	21,539	56	74	48	60	39	73	39	65
Pacific	15,978	34,905	52	65	47	54	39	63	38	55
United States (4)	114,739	173,221	58	76	60	71	58	70	57	66

(1) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held February 29, 1956.

(2) Preliminary

(3) Insufficient returns received from this State.

(4) Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

TABLE 2. -- End-of-month space and occupancy in public general warehouses in selected cities

City (1)	Net piling space reported (2)		Percentage of net piling space occupied							
			January 1955		February 1955		January 1956		February 1956	
	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.
New England:										
Boston	1,637	4,089	28	99	38	93	64	92	81	82
Middle Atlantic:										
New York	5,573	9,506	67	80	74	74	76	70	79	71
Jersey City	3,359	5,365	62	77	61	86	56	70	50	60
Buffalo	565	1,893	84	83	65	69	94	73	99	65
Rochester	6,707	2,355	61	62	81	76	45	61	32	54
Philadelphia	1,683	5,699	69	85	47	57	70	77	79	75
Pittsburgh	1,488	2,108	60	87	72	78	59	81	61	77
E. N. Central:										
Cleveland	2,077	2,631	66	90	66	89	59	77	65	72
Cincinnati	3/	3/	52	81	45	81	50	84	3/	3/
Chicago	11,276	14,350	71	86	61	89	64	83	61	79
Detroit	3,378	3,865	78	86	69	83	55	68	53	66
Milwaukee	659	1,390	74	66	51	76	81	85	76	82
W. N. Central:										
Minneapolis	870	2,557	75	92	82	92	69	77	81	82
St. Louis	2,031	3,508	63	89	69	88	65	81	72	77
Kansas City	1,063	3,991	65	85	49	49	66	77	60	82
South Atlantic:										
Baltimore & D. C. . .	1,208	5,121	61	77	58	75	40	58	38	51
Richmond	940	721	56	75	54	71	60	57	58	54
Norfolk	1,179	1,137	79	65	81	66	80	74	81	73
E. S. Central:										
Nashville	3/	3/	84	83	82	84	3/	3/	3/	3/
Memphis	339	1,348	69	68	72	71	81	84	60	84
W. S. Central:										
New Orleans	3/	3/	72	88	71	79	45	69	3/	3/
Dallas	3,452	3,578	48	46	50	45	62	49	67	59
Ft. Worth	980	1,124	48	57	55	53	68	57	62	59
Pacific:										
Seattle	1,044	1,488	47	66	51	58	41	54	40	49
Tacoma	353	1,984	14	44	14	32	10	38	9	36
Portland	363	3,662	51	57	52	48	38	53	45	42
Los Angeles	2,811	7,173	71	73	69	66	61	78	59	75
San Francisco	2,451	3,667	56	78	66	73	44	74	46	66
San Jose	2,877	3,264	25	63	14	36	19	69	20	55
Modesto	966	2,340	56	93	67	70	50	78	57	59

(1) Space shown includes public warehouses within a 25-mile radius of city named.

(2) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held February 29, 1956.

(3) Insufficient returns received from this city.

Table 3.—United States refrigerated net piling space capacity, October 1, 1953 ^{1/}

State or geographic region	Type of warehouse							
	Public general		Private & semiprivate general		Meat-packing plants		Apple houses	
	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.
Maine, N. H. and Vt.....	1,221	462	472	24	2/	2/	7	963
Massachusetts.....	7,539	2,845	650	545	2/	2/	14	2,309
Rhode Island & Conn.....	1,106	333	176	70	2/	2/	2	2,367
NEW ENGLAND.....	9,866	3,640	1,298	639	574	84	23	5,639
New York.....	19,477	22,852	1,886	2,993	560	3,452	401	14,558
New Jersey.....	12,138	4,711	505	292	281	103	35	1,984
Pennsylvania.....	8,668	6,267	1,113	1,009	117	864	124	3,641
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	40,283	33,830	3,504	4,294	958	4,419	560	20,183
Ohio.....	7,309	4,774	423	222	325	1,853	18	897
Indiana.....	1,831	644	518	403	312	445	-	443
Illinois.....	15,111	15,671	4,876	2,934	1,958	5,122	-	1,539
Michigan.....	5,308	4,096	1,752	1,461	227	847	(57	(2,475
Wisconsin.....	2,012	6,014	522	3,820	1,593	1,788		
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....	31,571	31,199	8,091	8,840	4,415	10,055	75	5,354
Minnesota.....	5,001	1,085	1,152	97	1,648	1,577	-	-
Iowa.....	3,296	609	755	503	2,630	1,930	-	-
Missouri.....	8,340	5,165	232	305	956	2,234	2/	2/
Dakotas and Nebraska.....	4,148	732	1,533	439	2,652	4,300	-	-
Kansas.....	2,909	7,273	747	227	621	1,785	2/	2/
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....	23,694	14,864	4,419	1,571	8,507	11,826	5	735
Delaware, Maryland & D. C..	7,132	872	272	119	2/	2/	-	986
Virginia and W. Virginia...	2,858	6,811	940	1,416	-	184	480	14,587
North and South Carolina...	694	482	347	214	2/	2/	9	326
Georgia.....	2,396	3,504	631	207	408	486	-	-
Florida.....	5,081	1,129	9,588	35	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	18,161	12,798	11,778	1,991	457	1,016	489	15,899
Kentucky.....	953	889	2/	2/	2/	2/	-	-
Tennessee.....	3,974	2,081	257	3	274	429	2/	2/
Alabama and Mississippi....	1,008	1,094	2/	2/	2/	2/	-	-
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	5,935	4,064	387	119	329	529	2/	2/
Arkansas.....	488	256	(540	(52	2/	2/	2/	2/
Louisiana.....	1,542	972			2/	2/	2/	2/
Oklahoma.....	1,120	602	100	103	809	1,790	-	-
Texas.....	9,755	4,102	219	714	1,014	1,486	-	-
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	12,905	5,932	859	869	1,846	3,280	2/	2/
MOUNTAIN.....	4,571	1,556	1,143	238	1,064	764	2/	2/
Washington.....	7,974	2,091	4,348	837	339	1,152	259	52,376
Oregon.....	6,845	2,039	3,234	820	(352	(1,664	-	6,489
California.....	21,756	12,198	3,759	11,936			831	6,097
PACIFIC.....	36,575	16,328	11,341	13,593	691	2,816	1,090	64,962
UNITED STATES.....	183,561	124,211	42,820	32,154	18,841	34,789	2,252	113,548

^{1/} Total storage capacity in the United States and the lowest temperature at which it could be held as reported by the latest biennial survey, October 1, 1953.

^{2/} Not shown to avoid disclosure of individual plant reports.

Table 4. -- Net changes in storage holdings during February (1)

Cooler commodities	Holdings Feb. 29, 1956	February net change		Freezer commodities	Holdings Feb. 29, 1956	February net change	
		Quantity	Pct.			Quantity	Pct.
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	Pct.		1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	Pct.
Apples.....	670,032	-319,632	32	Cream.....	5,307	-1,269	19
Pears.....	35,450	-30,050	46	Butter, creamery.....	98,002	-33,662	26
Other fresh fruits..	25,566	-35,920	58	Eggs.....	42,221	-8,304	16
Fresh vegetables...	75,302	-11,479	13	Poultry.....	186,776	-27,947	13
Dried & evap. fts..	36,439	-959	3	Fruits.....	341,937	-47,308	12
Nuts & nut meats...	192,240	15,403	9	Juices.....	400,735	79,199	25
Cheese.....	463,988	-32,758	7	Vegetables.....	494,145	-64,033	11
Other dairy prod...	10,516	-7,417	41	Beef.....	186,648	-16,766	8
Shell eggs.....	13,860	405	3	Veal.....	16,287	-1,758	10
Dried eggs.....	2,581	-489	16	Pork.....	413,018	25,658	7
Beef.....	9,190	333	4	Lamb and mutton.....	9,664	-902	9
Pork.....	100,136	5,894	6	Edible offal.....	64,644	-3,543	5
Sausage.....	8,951	1	-	Sausage.....	6,742	-403	6
Canned meats.....	66,946	16,047	32	Miscellaneous.....	230,780	-198	-
Miscellaneous.....	284,788	-1,528	1				
Total	1,995,985	-402,149	17	Total	2,496,906	-101,236	4

(1) For a detailed breakdown see the following tables.

NET WEIGHT OF COOLER AND FREEZER COMMODITIES

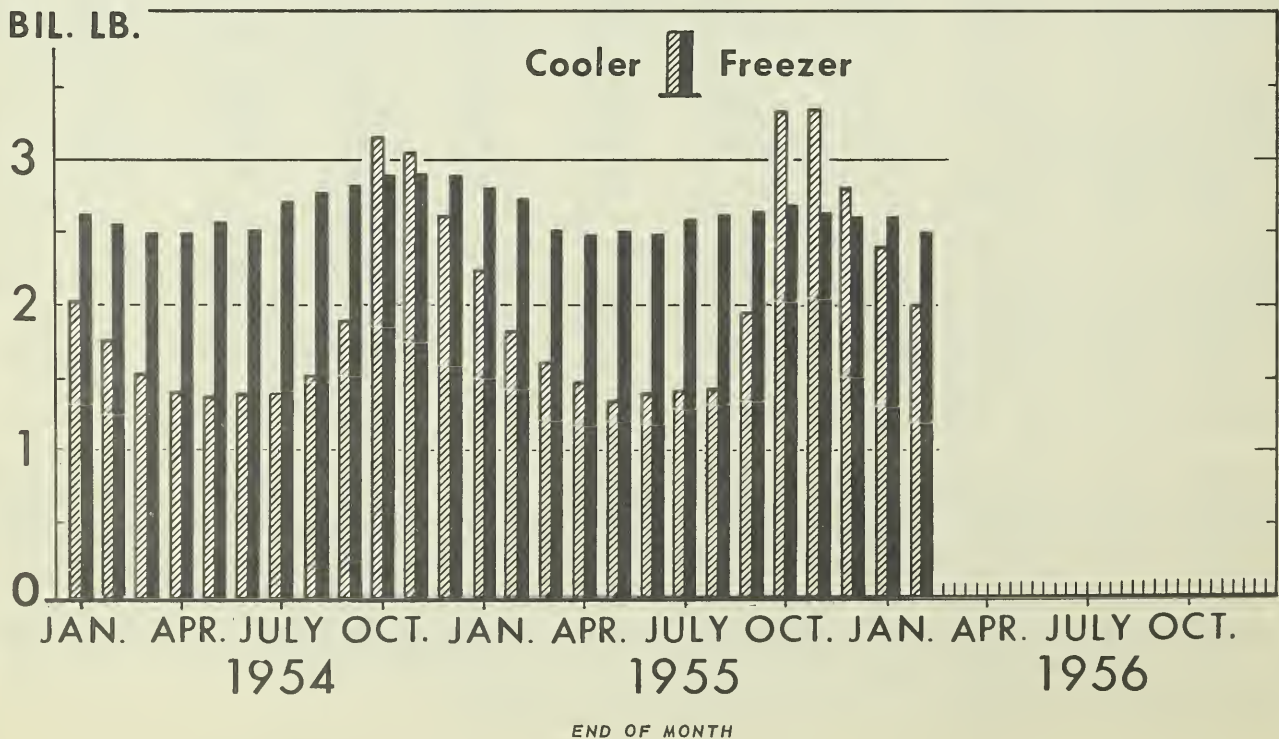


Table 5. -- End-of-month apple holdings, by States

State	February 1951-55 av.	February 1955	January 1956 (1)	February 1956 (1)
	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.
Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut..	589	625	1,264	769
New York.....	2,174	2,665	4,086	2,669
New Jersey.....	367	349	456	314
Pennsylvania.....	369	389	685	340
Ohio.....	167	118	167	117
Illinois.....	327	204	201	112
Michigan.....	372	376	(2) 863	(2) 374
Missouri.....	89	68	89	58
Kansas.....	18	24	60	27
Virginia.....	1,165	1,214	678	488
West Virginia.....	251	246	291	147
Washington.....	5,472	5,243	9,071	6,927
Oregon.....	312	238	356	169
California.....	952	870	1,443	975
Other States.....	483	565	908	473
U. S. Total.....	13,107	13,194	20,618	13,959

(1) Includes cannery stocks which heretofore were excluded.

(2) Based upon more complete returns than in earlier years.

Table 6. -- End-of-month stocks of certain commodities in storage owned by the Government (1)

Commodity	Unit	February 1951-55 av.	February 1955	January 1956	February 1956 (2)
Butter, creamery.....	Pound	131,491	288,179	105,060	72,553
American Cheddar cheese.....	do	123,742	328,143	267,681	212,075
Pork.....	do	(3)	10,161	7,514	6,131
Beef.....	do	(3)	7,546	8,336	5,920

(1) Government holdings are included in the tables of total holdings elsewhere in the report and consist of reported stocks held by USDA, the Armed Services, and other Government agencies. In addition to stocks reported above, the Armed Services hold some stocks in space owned and operated by them on which figures are not available.

(2) Based on actual reports. Estimates on late reports are not included. Current figures will be revised next month.

(3) Data not available.

TABLE 7. -- End-of-month stocks of fruits, vegetables, and nuts

Net changes in stocks during February and comparisons:

Fresh apples: Decreased by 7 million bushels; February 1955 decrease was 6 million bushels; average February decrease was 5 million bushels.

Fresh pears: Decreased by 579 thousand bushels; February 1955 decrease was 403 thousand bushels; average February decrease was 426 thousand bushels.

Commodity	Unit	February 1951-55 av.	February 1955	January 1956	February 1956
		<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>
Apples, fresh:					
Western (1)	Standard boxes	6,739	6,537	10,062	7,726
Western	Other containers	378	289	1,144	543
Eastern	Bushel baskets	2,187	2,136	2,153	1,402
Eastern	Other containers	3,803	4,232	7,259	4,288
Total	Bushel	13,107	13,194	20,618	13,959
Pears, fresh:					
Bartletts	Boxes, baskets, etc.	4	2	1	4
Bartletts	L.A. lugs	(2)	(2)	1	-
Other varieties	Boxes, baskets, etc.	564	858	1,133	585
Other varieties	L.A. lugs	(2)	(2)	175	120
Total	Boxes, baskets, etc.	(3) 568	(3) 861	1,310	709
Other fruits, vegetables, and nuts:					
Fresh grapes	Pound	(4)	15,742	55,094	19,900
Other fresh fruits . . .	do.	25,868	2,886	6,392	5,666
Dried & evaporated fruits	do.	39,691	32,372	37,398	36,439
Onions	do.	53,380	50,648	49,049	36,527
Celery	do.	427	92	315	202
Other fresh vegetables .	do.	74,024	72,943	37,417	38,573
Nut meats, peanuts . . .	do.	35,000	38,382	82,391	89,269
Nut meats, other nuts . .	do.	22,539	19,077	26,220	31,395
Peanuts, in shell	do.	835	577	4,662	6,567
Other nuts, in shell . . .	do.	47,317	31,808	63,564	65,009

(1) Western apples are those grown in Washington, Oregon, California, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico

(2) Not reported separately prior to January 31, 1956.

(3) In terms of bushels.

(4) Data not available.

TABLE 8. -- End-of-month stocks of dairy and poultry products, by States,
February 29, 1956

State	Cream		Creamery butter	American cheese	Shell eggs	Frozen eggs	Total poultry
	Fluid	Plastic					
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 cases	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Massachusetts	43		1,134	1,293	3	702	5,867
Other States			431	159		314	2,377
New England			1,565	1,452	3	1,016	8,244
New York	2,643	53	10,059	70,718	12	4,041	19,589
New Jersey	211		6,363	8,291	7	1,574	8,108
Pennsylvania	637	12	1,532	10,260	6	2,080	13,533
Middle Atlantic			17,954	89,269	25	7,695	41,230
Ohio	139		4,357	15,969	5	2,045	5,655
Indiana			688	1,711	2	830	1,250
Illinois	97		41,115	30,757	202	6,547	21,297
Michigan	104		422	9,659	5	742	3,603
Wisconsin	8		1,852	150,162	5	425	1,120
East North Central			48,434	208,258	219	10,589	32,925
Minnesota	8		9,367	13,113	1	1,316	6,763
Iowa			6,092	1,266	4	1,624	2,701
Missouri	51	121	1,404	45,931	5	5,744	8,419
Dakotas			461	58		8	262
Nebraska	25		2,206	1,808	14	1,665	12,221
Kansas			868	15,369	1	3,754	1,725
West North Central			20,398	77,545	25	14,111	32,091
South Atlantic			2,501	19,847	10	2,298	17,813
Kentucky			300	8,941	1	351	867
Tennessee			924	12,540	4	1,466	1,498
Ala. and Mississippi			393	3,628		136	1,273
East South Central			1,617	25,109	5	1,953	3,638
Arkansas and Louisiana			1,189	1,847	3	402	2,541
Oklahoma			930	614		288	1,540
Texas	7	13	621	2,413	5	1,103	6,571
West South Central			2,740	4,874	8	1,793	10,652
Colorado			757	454	1	234	1,549
Other States			167	905	2	74	3,949
Mountain			924	1,359	3	308	5,498
Washington			118	397	2	578	3,194
Oregon			133	5,039		101	2,773
California	353	1	1,618	3,863	8	1,779	28,718
Pacific			1,869	9,299	10	2,458	34,685
Other States	682	99					
United States	5,008	299	98,002	437,012	308	42,221	186,776

TABLE 9. -- End-of-month stocks of dairy and poultry products

Net changes in stocks during February and comparisons:

Cream: Decreased by 1 million pounds; February 1955 decrease was 1 million pounds; average February decrease was 3 million pounds.

Butter: Decreased by 34 million pounds; February 1955 decrease was 27 million pounds; average February decrease was 6 million pounds.

Cheese: Decreased by 33 million pounds; February 1955 decrease was 23 million pounds; average February decrease was 16 million pounds.

Shell eggs: Increased by 9 thousand cases; February 1955 increase was 23 thousand cases; average February increase was 200 thousand cases.

Frozen eggs: Decreased by 8 million pounds; February 1955 decrease was 4 million pounds; average February change was an increase of 3 million pounds.

Frozen poultry: Decreased by 28 million pounds; February 1955 decrease was 40 million pounds; average February decrease was 36 million pounds.

Commodity	Unit	February 1951-55 av.	February 1955	January 1956	February 1956
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Cream, milk, and butter:					
Fluid cream	Pound	5,476	3,805	6,006	5,008
Plastic cream (75-85% butterfat)	do.	748	362	570	299
Condensed milk (bulk)	do.	5,418	2,175	6,818	6,198
Evap. and Cond, milk (case goods)	do.	8,465	4,869	11,115	4,318
Butter, creamery.	do.	155,749	314,568	131,664	98,002
Cheese:					
American Cheddar.	do.	267,406	470,092	469,336	437,012
Swiss, including block	do.	9,641	9,704	7,376	7,975
All other varieties	do.	17,535	19,946	20,034	19,001
Total cheese.	do.	294,582	499,742	496,746	463,988
Eggs:					
Shell	Case	348	258	299	308
Frozen eggs, total.	Pound	47,972	62,517	50,525	42,221
Whites.	do.	13,496	19,592	10,716	8,980
Yolks	do.	12,527	17,100	17,948	14,678
Whole or mixed.	do.	19,189	22,592	18,874	15,686
Unclassified	do.	2,760	3,233	2,987	2,877
Dried eggs (egg solids)	do.	20,516	1,463	3,070	2,581
Total eggs (1).	Case	3,606	2,025	1,912	1,658
Poultry, frozen:					
Broilers or fryers	Pound	23,605	18,815	24,764	23,285
Roasters.	do.	11,557	6,530	8,140	6,899
Hens, fowls	do.	54,581	39,776	49,486	41,374
Turkeys	do.	109,013	110,717	95,939	81,809
Ducks	do.	4,541	5,040	6,381	4,737
Miscellaneous	do.	10,687	10,148	7,115	6,368
Unclassified	do.	23,210	20,232	22,898	22,304
Total poultry	do.	237,194	211,258	214,723	186,776

(1) Case equivalent. Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 38.5 pounds to the case and dried eggs on the basis of 10.2 pounds to the case.

Table 10. — Commodities stored in public general cold storage warehouses,
December 31, 1955

Cooler commodities	Net weight	Freezer commodities	Net weight
	<u>1,000 pounds</u>		<u>1,000 pounds</u>
Apples.....	171,888	Cream.....	6,461
Pears.....	26,000	Butter, creamery.....	132,111
Other fresh fruits.....	32,058	Eggs.....	67,027
Fresh vegetables.....	67,656	Poultry.....	203,784
Dried & evap. fruits....	27,653	Fruits.....	323,841
Nuts & nut meats.....	112,824	Juices.....	125,431
Cheese.....	376,722	Vegetables.....	464,664
Other dairy products....	41,607	Beef.....	145,393
Shell eggs.....	3,825	Veal.....	10,940
Dried eggs.....	3,269	Pork.....	217,633
Beef.....	1,929	Lamb and mutton.....	6,371
Pork.....	3,510	Edible offal.....	27,574
Sausage.....	439	Sausage.....	4,705
Canned meats.....	16,889	Fish.....	148,497
Lard.....	15,244	Miscellaneous.....	62,994
Fish.....	16,087		
Miscellaneous.....	106,925		
Total.....	1,024,525	Total.....	1,947,426

Table 11. — Commodities stored in public general cold storage warehouses,
January 31, 1956

Cooler commodities	Net weight	Freezer commodities	Net weight
	<u>1,000 pounds</u>		<u>1,000 pounds</u>
Apples.....	119,520	Cream.....	5,237
Pears.....	18,000	Butter, creamery.....	106,290
Other fresh fruits.....	16,114	Eggs.....	45,709
Fresh vegetables.....	61,425	Poultry.....	191,498
Dried & Evap. fruits....	33,716	Fruits.....	298,893
Nuts & Nut meats.....	140,856	Juices.....	149,761
Cheese.....	350,551	Vegetables.....	410,287
Other dairy products....	17,746	Beef.....	155,945
Shell eggs.....	12,375	Veal.....	11,422
Dried eggs.....	2,515	Pork.....	265,052
Beef.....	1,679	Lamb and mutton.....	6,362
Pork.....	2,124	Edible offal.....	29,480
Sausage.....	892	Sausage.....	4,959
Canned meats.....	29,642	Fish.....	135,778
Lard.....	25,996	Miscellaneous.....	61,712
Fish.....	15,383		
Miscellaneous.....	105,799		
Total.....	954,333	Total.....	1,878,385

TABLE 12.— End-of-month stocks of frozen fruits and vegetables

Net changes in stocks during February and comparisons:

Frozen fruits: Decreased by 47 million pounds; February 1955 decrease was 39 million pounds; average February decrease was 34 million pounds.

Frozen vegetables: Decreased by 64 million pounds; February 1955 decrease was 72 million pounds; average February decrease was 55 million pounds.

Frozen orange juice: Increased by 8 million gallons; February 1955 increase was 6 million gallons; average February increase was 4 million gallons.

Commodity	February 1951-55 av.	February 1955	January 1956	February 1956
	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>
Fruits, frozen:				
Apples	31,324	38,880	43,138	45,477
Apricots	3,371	2,429	8,360	7,819
Blackberries	9,302	10,503	9,994	8,635
Blueberries.	15,024	22,544	18,853	16,737
Cherries	41,144	42,172	57,418	49,046
Grapes	13,511	12,564	11,802	10,787
Peaches	21,673	25,269	33,869	31,347
Plums and prunes	7,545	7,684	9,088	8,510
Raspberries.	21,807	28,651	28,917	24,660
Strawberries	78,327	75,807	125,041	99,670
Youngberries, Loganberries, etc.	7,734	9,476	13,154	12,145
All other fruits	26,438	33,173	29,611	27,104
Total	277,200	309,152	389,245	341,937
Juices, frozen:				
Orange juice (1)	183,837	250,381	221,029	296,382
Gallons equivalent (2).	18,569	25,291	22,326	29,938
Other fruit juices and purees .	77,433	108,445	100,507	104,353
Vegetables, frozen:				
Asparagus	8,765	9,875	11,843	9,801
Beans, lima	66,560	82,717	85,313	74,051
Beans, snap	44,917	58,792	68,633	58,638
Broccoli	33,294	26,016	29,617	30,553
Brussels sprouts	18,158	25,044	20,341	17,314
Cauliflower.	12,870	10,432	17,952	15,849
Corn, sweet	43,835	75,113	57,812	48,948
Mixed vegetables	(2)	(2)	15,877	15,232
Peas, green.	93,504	79,431	96,882	77,295
Peas and carrots, mixed.	(2)	(2)	7,052	6,802
Potatoes, french fried	(2)	(2)	20,267	26,430
Spinach.	25,279	14,200	27,571	24,048
All other vegetables	102,126	123,808	99,018	89,184
Total	449,308	505,428	558,178	494,145

(1) Converted on the basis of 9.9 pounds per gallon.

(2) Data not available.

TABLE 13.— End-of-month stocks of meats and meat products

Net changes in stocks during February and comparisons:

Beef: Decreased by 16 million pounds; February 1955 decrease was 20 million pounds; average February decrease was 11 million pounds.

Pork: Increased by 32 million pounds; February 1955 increase was 31 million pounds; average February increase was 25 million pounds.

Other meats: Increased by 9 million pounds; February 1955 change was a decrease of 9 million pounds; average February decrease was .01 million pounds.

Commodity	February 1951-55 av. 1,000 pounds	February 1955 1,000 pounds	January 1956 1,000 pounds	February 1956 1,000 pounds
Beef:				
Frozen	192,420	146,208	201,851	185,273
In cure, cured and smoked	10,926	8,190	10,420	10,565
Total	203,346	154,398	212,271	195,838
Pork:				
Frozen	401,093	383,344	358,427	380,509
Dry salt, in cure and cured	42,660	35,761	29,568	28,917
Other in cure, cured, and smoked	153,709	112,987	93,607	103,728
Total	597,462	532,092	481,602	513,154
Other meats and meat products:				
Sausage and sausage room products	16,279	13,486	16,095	15,693
Frozen lamb and mutton	12,953	8,743	10,566	9,664
Frozen veal	13,641	13,847	18,045	16,287
Canned meats and meat products	49,683	61,663	50,899	66,946
All edible offal	59,817	55,552	68,187	64,644
Total	152,373	153,291	163,792	173,234
Total all meats	953,181	839,781	857,665	882,226
Hides and pelts	66,414	93,274	77,295	72,977

Table 14. — End-of-month stocks or fishery products (1)

Species	February 1955	January 1956	February 1956
	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>
Frozen fish:			
Bait & animal food (salt & fresh- water.....)	6,681	6,456	6,044
Salt-water:			
Filletts and steaks:			
Blocks and slabs.....	11,827	11,770	10,108
Cod.....	8,413	7,594	6,215
Flounder.....	1,957	5,530	5,164
Haddock.....	10,632	6,327	7,196
Halibut.....	1,482	2,291	1,875
Ocean perch.....	10,403	12,972	9,662
Pollock.....	767	1,666	1,496
Salmon.....	322	450	330
Whiting (incl. split "butterfly").....	1,090	1,094	1,036
Other filletts and steaks.....	3,163	3,181	3,086
Fish sticks or pieces (cooked & un- cooked, all species).....	5,261	6,516	5,779
Round, dressed, etc.:			
Halibut.....	10,950	9,215	5,749
Mackerel (Except Spanish).....	1,239	1,666	1,555
Sablefish.....	2,421	3,130	2,392
Salmon:			
King or chinook.....	3,399	2,566	2,046
Silver or coho.....	2,693	2,154	1,560
Fall or chum.....	494	841	289
Unclassified.....	1,196	344	596
Smelt.....	1,254	909	879
Swordfish.....	1,595	1,421	1,130
Tuna.....	839	1,019	622
Whiting, headed and gutted.....	4,336	10,531	7,655
Other salt-water fish (except bait)...	17,986	16,113	14,722
Fresh-water:			
Filletts and steaks.....	1,052	705	578
Round, dressed, etc.:			
Chubs.....	1,142	1,259	900
Trout.....	1,102	1,254	969
Whitefish.....	1,897	1,618	1,619
Other fresh-water fish (except bait)...	3,794	4,344	3,429
Frozen shellfish:			
Crabs (incl. crab meat).....	681	1,461	1,386
Lobster tails (spiny).....	2,891	3,214	3,559
Oysters.....	467	425	483
Scallops.....	1,199	2,198	2,190
Shrimp, raw and headless.....	17,963	20,789	19,632
all other.....	4,703	6,431	6,994
Squid.....	646	807	503
Other shellfish.....	2,534	2,917	2,156
Total frozen fish and shellfish.....	150,471	163,178	141,584
Cured fish.....	11,524	17,393	16,043
Total all fish and shellfish.....	161,995	180,571	157,627

(1) Data furnished by the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.

TABLE 15.-- Cold storage holdings, by geographic regions, February 29, 1956

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Fruits, frozen:											
Apples	Pound	2,116	19,534	8,199	2,061	10,281	367	668	251	2,000	45,477
Apricots	do.	109	436	894	234	103	8	224	246	5,565	7,819
Blackberries	do.	28	1,032	1,107	1,336	371	676	247	53	3,785	8,635
Blueberries	do.	2,576	4,626	4,922	2,457	704	90	98	111	1,153	16,737
Cherries	do.	325	22,598	14,435	3,291	2,096	688	790	1,159	3,664	49,046
Grapes	do.	6	5,529	4,759	219	59	28	22	36	129	10,787
Peaches	do.	656	7,092	5,005	1,777	5,598	566	1,004	418	9,231	31,347
Plums and prunes	do.	56	2,784	2,911	166	60	243	155	40	2,095	8,510
Raspberries	do.	1,151	5,306	4,019	2,617	442	256	180	390	10,299	24,660
Strawberries	do.	5,339	17,029	12,827	10,085	4,233	3,314	3,017	1,470	42,356	99,670
Youngberries, Loganberries, etc.	do.	24	639	945	298	56	19	114	151	8,899	12,145
All other fruits	do.	4,581	5,250	4,298	1,834	1,067	535	1,040	226	8,273	27,104
Total	do.	16,967	91,855	64,321	26,375	25,070	6,790	7,559	4,551	98,449	341,937
Juices, frozen:											
Orange juice (1)	do.	4,757	21,472	13,812	7,252	220,847	1,369	3,918	1,842	21,113	296,382
Other fruit juices and purees	do.	2,895	27,826	13,036	6,666	29,651	1,022	6,983	383	15,891	104,353
Vegetables, frozen:											
Asparagus	do.	466	2,904	1,025	655	1,491	277	434	178	2,371	9,801
Beans, lima	do.	926	16,354	6,673	6,957	12,475	2,839	1,428	2,283	24,116	74,051
Beans, snap	do.	1,492	20,626	4,432	2,355	7,734	1,291	1,086	278	19,344	58,638
Broccoli	do.	864	6,258	2,058	1,974	2,494	719	1,035	300	14,851	30,553
Brussels sprouts	do.	353	3,616	1,326	1,847	925	709	432	368	7,738	17,314
Cauliflower	do.	564	4,039	1,229	1,638	1,776	528	938	257	4,880	15,849
Corn, sweet	do.	800	11,754	5,477	10,651	2,658	918	1,514	657	14,519	48,948
Mixed vegetables	do.	239	2,345	1,697	1,579	1,149	192	188	285	7,558	15,232
Peas, green	do.	4,571	19,395	7,185	7,951	4,186	1,252	1,975	1,964	28,816	77,295
Peas and carrots, mixed	do.	208	1,397	435	795	454	126	169	187	3,031	6,802
Potatoes, french fried	do.	4,652	4,063	2,235	2,682	1,283	470	215	4,880	5,950	26,430
Spinach	do.	668	9,054	1,482	1,306	2,775	907	1,413	209	6,234	24,048
All other vegetables	do.	2,186	18,581	11,453	8,650	15,047	9,051	3,548	426	20,242	89,184
Total	do.	17,989	120,386	46,707	49,040	54,447	19,279	14,375	12,272	159,650	494,145
Fruits, vegetables and nuts:											
Fresh grapes	do.		144	1,973	178	12	4	34		17,555	19,900
Other fresh fruits	do.	19	1,648	456	80	591	415	46		2,411	5,666
Dried and evaporated fruits	do.	564	23,972	4,930	716	864	70	492	15	4,816	36,439
Onions	do.		18,917	11,358	45	42	7	130		6,028	36,527
Celery	do.		124	28	39	2	5	4			202
Other fresh vegetables	do.	1,254	6,887	5,762	1,595	386	1,564	1,019	4,518	15,588	38,573
Peanut meats	do.	1,986	953	6,717	852	51,516	4,756	22,289		200	89,269
Other nut meats	do.	1,037	6,849	3,593	2,109	1,183	449	3,305	81	12,789	31,395
Peanuts, in shell	do.	65	169	1,649	42	4,397	7	193		45	6,567
Other nuts, in shell	do.	80	976	3,524	5,596	12,168	1,109	21,144	36	20,376	65,009
Fresh apples	Bushel	1,000	3,323	657	101	704	19	63	21	8,071	13,959
Fresh pears	Boxes(2)		6	5	1	2		4		691	709

(1) Concentrated and single strength.
(2) Standard boxes, bushel baskets, lugs, etc.

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TABLE 15.-- Cold storage holdings, by geographic regions, February 29, 1956 -- Continued

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Dairy products and eggs:											
Cream (not including plastic)	Pound	52	3,491	348	84	171	281	48	56	477	5,008
Cream, plastic	do.		65		129	91		13		1	299
Butter, creamery	do.	1,565	17,954	48,434	20,398	2,501	1,617	2,740	924	1,869	98,002
Cheese, American Cheddar	do.	1,452	89,269	208,258	77,545	19,847	25,109	4,874	1,359	9,299	437,012
Cheese, Swiss including block	do.		714	4,663	1,938	12	3	33	519	93	7,975
Cheese, all other varieties	do.	569	6,522	8,984	1,214	627	213	163	278	431	19,001
Eggs, shell	Case	3	25	219	25	10	5	8	3	10	308
Eggs, frozen	Pound	1,016	7,695	10,589	14,111	2,298	1,953	1,793	308	2,458	42,221
Eggs, dried (egg solids)	do.	28	145	272	1,940	122		12		62	2,581
Poultry, frozen:											
Broilers or fryers	do.	1,273	3,712	3,231	2,658	4,323	825	3,556	430	3,277	23,285
Roasters	do.	1,122	3,218	1,072	709	271	7	39	34	427	6,899
Hens, fowls	do.	1,728	14,000	5,641	12,389	1,045	138	1,069	51	5,313	41,374
Turkeys	do.	3,413	14,691	12,230	13,350	6,161	1,220	5,027	4,020	21,697	81,809
Ducks	do.	136	2,216	1,294	309	289	59	73	36	325	4,737
Miscellaneous	do.	487	1,345	1,909	1,434	142	68	81	84	818	6,368
Unclassified	do.	85	2,048	7,548	1,242	5,582	1,321	807	843	2,828	22,304
Total	do.	8,244	41,230	32,925	32,091	17,813	3,638	10,652	5,498	34,685	186,776
Meats, meat products and fish:											
Beef, frozen	do.	12,963	23,806	57,510	35,761	6,451	7,156	14,676	4,488	22,462	185,273
Veal, frozen	do.	839	3,326	4,516	2,671	1,712	469	2,329	264	1,161	16,287
Pork, frozen	do.	9,881	28,576	127,582	147,861	17,396	11,689	14,824	4,459	18,241	380,509
Lamb and mutton, frozen	do.	691	2,176	2,414	1,528	169	43	1,214	397	1,032	9,664
Beef, in cure, cured and smoked	do.	149	3,154	3,338	2,455	437	14	462	31	525	10,565
Dry salt pork, in cure & cured	do.	152	719	6,640	14,287	3,167	649	1,517	1,195	591	28,917
All other pork, in cure, cured and smoked	do.	796	10,045	19,428	54,047	5,444	1,548	4,669	1,589	6,162	103,728
All edible offal	do.	1,013	5,939	20,425	26,607	1,984	2,191	1,779	1,986	2,720	64,644
Sausage room products	do.	141	2,862	4,280	4,647	1,077	545	349	150	1,642	15,693
Canned meats and meat products	do.	7,977	11,523	16,590	24,410	1,075	1,014	881	226	3,250	66,946
Total	do.	34,602	92,126	262,723	314,274	37,912	25,318	42,700	14,785	57,786	882,226
Hides and pelts	do.	6,640	2,002	23,700	33,080	1,802	497	2,283	1,523	1,450	72,977
Fish, frozen	do.	37,246	27,742	18,532	9,077	9,145	10,596	2,649	855	(1)25,742	141,584

(1) Includes fish in Alaska.

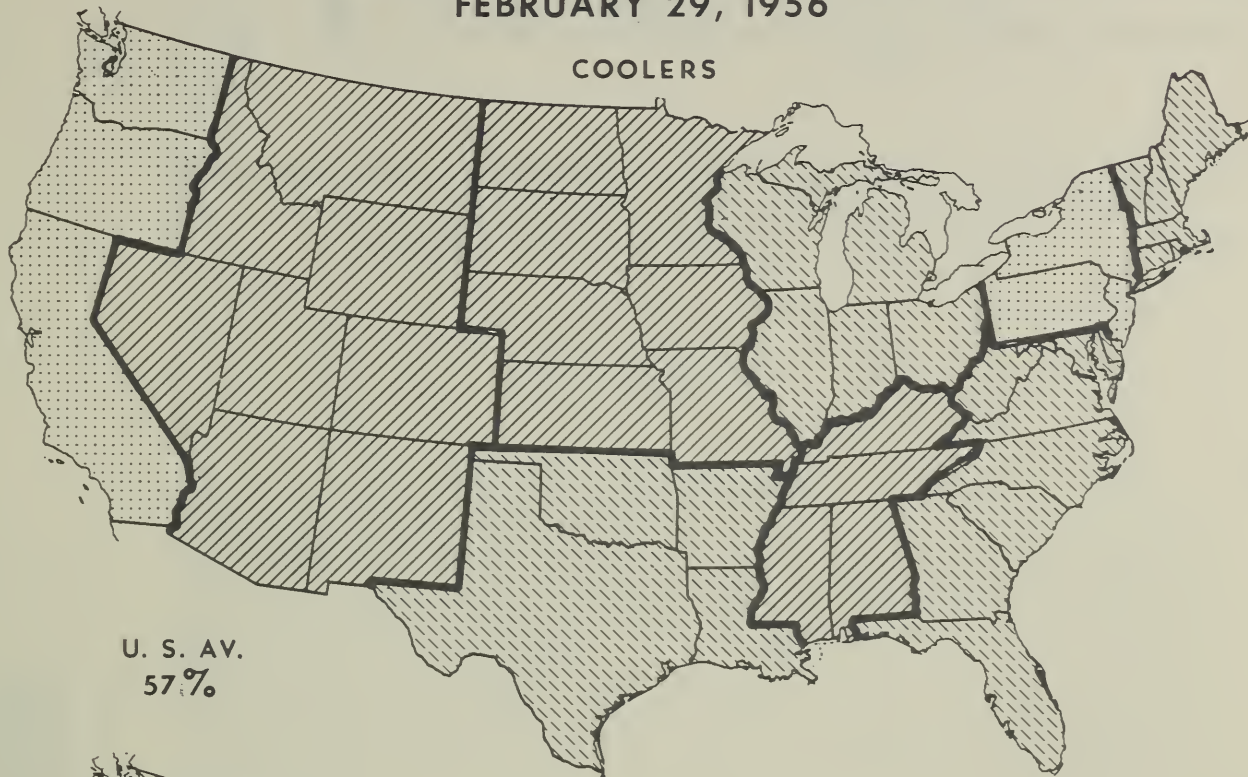
PUBLIC GENERAL COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES

(APPLE HOUSES EXCLUDED)

PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED

FEBRUARY 29, 1956

COOLERS



U. S. AV.
57%

FREEZERS



U. S. AV.
66%

% OCCUPANCY

Under 55 55 - 64 65 - 74 75 - 84 85 & over

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